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MEMORANDUM for Admiral Horne.

Subject:

Post-War Organization of Naval Intel-

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Enclosure:

(A) SC ltr of Captain W. D. Puleston to Admiral Horne, dtd 22 Sept 45.

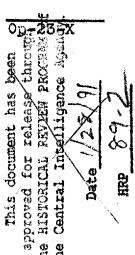
This memorandum is substitted pursuant to your request for my comments on Enclosure (A).

The comments will be confined to the intelligence aspect of Enclosure (A). Suffice it to say my experience has indicated a spirit of wholesome cooperation on the part of the State Department in its relations with the Office of Naval Intelligence.

3. It would appear that Captain Puleston is unaware of the decisions made by JCS relative to the proposed Central Intelligence Agency. From the date of Enclosure (A), he could not know that JCS has recommended a Central Intelligence Agency under the control of a National Intelligence Authority, (Secretaries of State, War, Navy and a representative of JCS). The Director of CIA would be appointed by the President from nominations made by NIA. This organization setup would relieve the President of the onerous administrative details and at the same time make those members of the President's cabinet directly charged with National Defense responsible both to him for intelligence and successful operation of their respective departments as guided by that intelligence. This organization would strengthen CNO and the Chief of Staff, Army, in their positions and responsibilities as the President's professional Naval and Military advisors.

The JCS plan for a Central Intelligence Amoncy contemplates CIA as the primary service agency for the State, War and Navy Intelligence waits in collect ing intelligence of common interest, which in general is

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strategic intelligence, about foreign nations. It also contemplates CIA as the single unit to conduct covert intelligence activities in foreign countries of a type the Armed Services Intelligence Agencies cannot, or which would result in a dangerous duplication of effort. It is contemplated that the Intelligence Agencies of State, War and Navy will be both contributing and beneficiary members of CIA under such circumstances that essential operational and combat intelligence will always be under control of the Armed Services.

- 5. Obviously, Enclosure (A) was written without knowledge of Admiral King's memorandum of 9 October 1945, to the Chief of Naval Personnel, requesting establishment of specialist courses and instruction in the Naval Academy, the Post-Graduate School, and the Naval War College. By training Regular Navy Officers in intelligence and providing for rotation between general line duties at sea and intelligence billets while ashore, the desired factor of continuity in Administration of Naval Intelligence is assured. The program also will create a pool of trained Regular Officers which will be the cadre for mobilization of Reserve Intelligence Officers in any future emergency.
- has taken vigorous steps toward developing facilities for collection of covert intelligence from abroad. This program includes, as a matter of primary importance, costant scanning of activities in the fields of science and industry, the Navy can be fully advised on all phases of the war potential, capabilities and intentions of foreign powers. The program is progressing now, but it also is so designed as to permit effective integration with such Central Intelligence Agency as may be created. The program includes a wide range and variety of joint activities carried on with the various Army Intelligence Units, of which AC-of-S, G-2, War Department, is but one.
- presentation of ideas from a former Director of Naval Intelligence. I am glad to have had the opportunity of studying it. However, I feel certain that had the author been aware of recent and fast moving developments, he would be among the first to approve of the actions taken and now within sight of achievement. They all contribute directly to the basic premise of Enclosure (A) in meeting the greater need for an adequate Naval Intelligence organization and program than ever before in view of the world situation of today and the foreseeable years to come.

Respectfully,

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